

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 2 line 20 to page 3 line 4 with the following:

~~Longs~~ Long strings of lights, as are typically used, are difficult to install and consequently a householder is often inclined to leave the lights in place once they are secured. Although this avoids yearly installation and removal, the strings of lights are exposed to weather for the full year resulting in their early deterioration and, furthermore, they add nothing to, and in fact detract from, the appearance of a house between holiday seasons. Further, the permanently attached light strings may conveniently express only a single holiday.

Please insert the following new paragraphs on page 5 between lines 4 and 5:

Fig. 11 is a side view of an alternative embodiment of the device according to the present invention.

Fig. 12 is a second side view of an alternative embodiment of the device according to the present invention.

Fig. 13 is a third side view of an alternative embodiment of the device according to the present invention.

Fig. 14 is a fourth side view of an alternative embodiment of the device according to the present invention.

Fig. 15 is a top view of an alternative embodiment of the device according to the present invention.

Fig. 16 is a bottom view of an alternative embodiment of the device according to the present invention.

Fig. 17 illustrates use of a device according to the present invention to secure an item (e.g., a string of decorative lighting) into a track system.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5 lines 12-20 with the following:

It is critical that the body 12 of the lock 10 according to the present invention have a length that is substantially equal to the width of the track system into which the lock 10 is to be used. This ensures that when used, the body 12 will be able to fit within

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